2:INSPEC 1969-200 Jan W4 (c) 2002 Institution of Electrical Engineers 3:INSPEC 1969-1982 File (c) 1993 Institution of Electrical Engineers 4:INSPEC 1983-2002/Jan W4 File (c) 2002 Institution of Electrical Engineers . Set Items Description 23682 NH3 OR AMMONIA S1 3302 FLUOROCARBON OR FLUOROHYDROCARBON OR C4F8 OR C4F6 OR C5F8 -S2 OR CF4 OR C2F6 OR C3F8 OR CHF3 OR CH2F2 OR (FLUORINATED (1N) -(CARBON OR HYDROCARBON)) S1 AND S2 AND ETCH? S3S4 RD (unique items) (Item 1 from file: 2) 4/9/1 DIALOG(R) File 2:INSPEC

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Abstract: Low-k materials etching for FLARE/sup TM/ and a porous silica were carried out in a magnetic neutral loop discharge plasma at low pressure, below 1 Pa. Fluorinated molecules were used as carbon etching gases for porous silica. The etch rate of the porous silica was approximately two times higher than that of thermal SiO/sub 2/. This result means that consumption of perfluoro compound (PFC) gases is suppressed below at approximately half volumes. And organic low-k materials etching gas or a gas mixture of nitrogen and hydrogen were used ammonia PFC gas is an environmentally friendly process. After instead of ; investigating an influence of a N/sub 2//H/sub 2/ mixture ratio in the organic materials etch process, a good experimental condition to get a low microloading profile was found at a N/sub 2/ ratio of 70%-80%. Under this condition $N/\sup 2//\sup +/$ and $N/\sup 2/H/\sup +/$ ions were dominant, and the signal intensity of the N/sub 2/H/sup +/ ion showed a maximum value in the mass spectrum. This may mean N/sub 2//sup +/ and N/sub 2/H/sup +/ ions play an important role for a low microloading etching. The nitrogen may be adsorbed on the surface and a thin passivation film may be created on the sidewall surface. (25 Refs)

Subfile: A B

Descriptors: permittivity; sputter etching

Identifiers: low-k materials **etching**; magnetic neutral loop discharge plasma; **etch** rate; low microloading profile; surface; thin passivation film

Class Codes: A5275R (Plasma applications in manufacturing and materials processing); A8160C (Surface treatment and degradation in semiconductor technology); A7720 (Dielectric permittivity); B2550E (Surface treatment (semiconductor technology))

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(Item 2 from file: 2) DIALOG(R) File 2: INSPEC (c) 2002 Institution of Electrical Engineers. All rts. reserv. INSPEC Abstract Number: B2000-03-2550G-017 Title: Novel approach for the photostabilization of chemically amplified photoresists Author(s): Carpio, R.A.; Martinez, R.A.; Mohondro, R.D. Author Affiliation: SEMATECH, Austin, TX, USA Journal: Proceedings of the SPIE - The International Society for Optical Engineering Conference Title: Proc. SPIE - Int. Soc. Opt. Eng. (USA) p.935-46 vol.3678, pt.1-2 Publisher: SPIE-Int. Soc. Opt. Eng, Publication Date: 1999 Country of Publication: USA CODEN: PSISDG ISSN: 0277-786X SICI: 0277-786X(1999)3678:1/2L.935:NAPC;1-0 Material Identity Number: C574-1999-215 U.S. Copyright Clearance Center Code: 0277-786X/99/\$10.00 Conference Title: Advances in Resist Technology and Processing XVI Conference Sponsor: SPIE Conference Date: 15-17 March 1999 Conference Location: Santa Clara, CA, USA Language: English Document Type: Conference Paper (PA); Journal Paper (JP) Treatment: Practical (P); Experimental (X) Abstract: A special UV curing process which employs an blanketing gas was investigated to determine if a reduction in chemically amplified photoresist loss cold be attained in oxide, polysilicon, and metal plasma etch processes. In addition, a reduction in film shrinkage was sought relative to curing processes, which do not employ a basic gas during the stabilization process. Representative commercially available 248 nm chemically amplified photoresists from the t-BOC, acetal, and ESCAP families were included in this study. These studies were limited to unpatterned resist films and were conducted with an H-mod bulb, having a wavelength cut-off of 250 nm. The parameters varied in this study included UV irradiation intensity, process time, and temperature. Film shrinkage, refractive index, FTIR spectral changes, dissolution properties in an alkaline developer, and etch rate properties in **fluorocarbon** and chlorine based plasmas were measured. It was demonstrated that the ammonia -based photostabilization process result in less film shrinkage than the corresponding process with no basic purge gas. Evidence is provided that cross linking result from the UV curing process. The photostabilization process has been optimized for a number of photoresists to minimize the film shrinkage resulting from photostabilization and to significantly etch rate. Benefits are shown to be greater for low reduce the plasma activation energy and t-BOC type resists. (7 Refs) Subfile: B Descriptors: dissolving; Fourier transform spectra; infrared spectra; organic compounds; photochemistry; photoresists; plasma chemistry; refractive index; shrinkage; sputter etching; ultraviolet lithography Identifiers: photostabilization; chemically amplified photoresists; UV curing process; ammonia blanketing gas; chemically amplified photoresist loss; oxide; polysilicon; metal plasma etch processes; film shrinkage; t-BOC; acetal resists; ESCAP resists; unpatterned resist films; H-mod bulb; wavelength cut-off; UV irradiation intensity; process time; refractive index; FTIR spectral changes; dissolution properties; alkaline developer; etch rate properties; fluorocarbon based plasmas; chlorine based plasmas ammonia -based photostabilization process; purge gas; cross linking; photostabilization process; photoresists; plasma etch rate; low activation energy; t-BOC type resists; 248 to 250 nm; Si; SiO/sub 2 Class Codes: B2550G (Lithography (semiconductor technology)); B2550E (Surface treatment (semiconductor technology)) Chemical Indexing: Si sur - Si el (Elements - 1) SiO2 sur - O2 sur - Si sur - O sur - SiO2 bin - O2 bin - Si bin - O bin (Elements - 2)

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Title: Reactive ion etching of silicon oxides with ammonia and trifluoromethane. The role of nitrogen in the discharge

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Abstract: A 4% NH/sub 3//CHF/sub 3/, RIE discharge accurately reproduced micron-sized features in SiO/sub 2//Si or P-glass/Si substrates which had been patterned with either photoresist or X-ray trilevel resist. Etch rates of up to 600 and 1200 AA/min were obtained with SiO/sub 2/ and P-glass, respectively; etch rate ratios for SiO/sub 2//Si and P-glass/Si were approximately 15 and 30, respectively. Erosion of the resist was slow enough that it did not interfere with pattern transfer. In addition, no undercutting occurred and sidewalls in **etched** features were nearly vertical. Ammonia inhibited fluorocarbon polymer deposition by reaction with any deposit formed to make volatile cyanogen derivatives. Moreover, NH/sub 3/ moderated deterioration of the resist by the plasma.

Subfile: A B

Descriptors: integrated circuit technology; photoresists; silicon

compounds; sputter etching

Identifiers: Si oxides; SiO/sub 2/; reactive ion etching; NH/sub 3/; integrated circuits; trifluoromethane; micron-sized features; SiO/sub 2//Si ; P-glass/Si substrates; photoresist; X-ray trilevel resist; etch rate ratios; pattern transfer; fluorocarbon polymer deposition

Class Codes: A8160 (Corrosion, oxidation, etching, and other surface treatments); B2220C (General fabrication techniques); B2550E (Surface treatment and oxide film formation); B2550G (Lithography)

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